

## In the Memory of Marcel Martin former president of EASE

It is with tremendous sadness that we have to inform you about the passing of Marcel Martin Monday morning the 22rd of May. Marcel accomplished many things during his life. He is known as a historic figure in his favourite sport rugby. He was President of the “Coupe d’Europe” and Biarritz Olympique, Director of the Rugby World Cup, Vice-President of the French Rugby Federation and Treasurer of the Rugby National League. He was currently President of the Union of Professional Rugby Clubs and Vice-President of the CoSMoS Board. However, we will remember him most as a very charismatic EASE President from 2008 until 2014. He was a great man with a hard head but a soft heart. He was a tireless worker and gave freely of his time to the development of sport in general and of rugby in particular, “An idol who served rugby as a free man” as defined by the State Secretary of Sports when Marcel got promoted to the rank of Officer of the “Légion d’Honneur” in 2014. Above all, he was a friend to us and a thoroughly good person who will be sorely missed. We will always remember him as the warm, intelligent and humorous man he was. Our thoughts go out to his family, friends and to the world of rugby.